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Applicant: Goretta, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Claims                                   | 24                                | 24                                 | 0     | \$09            | \$00         |
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